

HB 677 SECTION BY SECTION

This bill, consists of 5 sections, amends the Official Code of Georgia and adds a new establishment of the Georgia Lottery, Casino Gaming Commission, Georgia Licensed Resort Facility Host Community Fund and the Georgia Problem Gaming Fund.

Pages 1 & 2, Lines 1 through 37

INTRODUCTION: Georgia's current state agency, the Georgia Lottery Corporation which, "By marketing entertaining products, the Georgia Lottery Corporation works to raise educational funding, for the Pre-K Program and the HOPE Scholarship." This bill creates in addition to the Georgia Lottery Corporation, the Casino Gaming Commission. It establishes the provisions, terms, changes, prohibits certain conduct, and provides for penalties relating to crimes and offenses in establishing and keeping a gambling place.

SUMMARY

- Following voter approval of a constitutional amendment in the 2016 election, this bill would permit casino gaming in the State of Georgia with the main aim of preserving the HOPE scholarship program and other educational purposes.
- Casino gaming will only be allowed in those counties and municipalities that approve, by public referendum, the establishment of licensed resort facilities. Such a local referendum may not be held more often than once every three years in the same county or municipality.
- Licensed resort facilities would be subject to a 12% annual tax on their gross gaming revenue, but they are not subject to coin-operated amusement machine regulations or taxation.

Part 1, Section 1-1, pages 2 – 50, Lines 41 - 1757: Title 50 of the OCGA is amended by adding a new chapter, Chapter 39. Current Law

Pages 3-10, lines 65-328,

Definitions of terms

ANALYSIS

Page 10- Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission

The Georgia Lottery Corporation is renamed the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission (Commission) and is vested with the regulation of casino gaming in the state. The Commission is subject to open records and open meetings requirements, except it may determine confidential information; such confidential information is not subject to the open records and open meetings requirements.

The chairman of the Commission's board must appoint a Casino Gaming Advisory Board, made up of ten members, to advise the board on various aspects of the casino gaming industry and to present the concerns of casino gaming licensees, vendors, and other interested parties throughout the state.

Among the duties of the Commission, include:

- the jurisdiction to supervise the licensing of casino gaming in the state;
- the requirement to visit, investigate, and be given free access to the place of business of any licensee;
- to compel the production of any books, documents, records, or memoranda of any licensee;
- promulgating rules and regulations relating to casino gaming, including a requirement that licensees post a sign bearing a phone number for compulsive gambling assistance;
- to compel any licensee to file data with the Commission, including financial statements;
- entering into agreements with government entities to exchange information or help ensure proper regulation of casino gaming;
- subjecting any licensed resort facility to inspections to ascertain compliance and seizing any evidence of a violation;
- inspecting the premises where gambling devices are manufactured, sold, or distributed in the state,
- seizing equipment or supplies for examination from licensed resort facilities;
- analyze the business of casino gaming and make recommendations to the governor and General Assembly regarding regulation;
- analyzing the scope of illegal gaming activities in the state;
- analyzing problem gaming;
- auditing former licensees; and
- issuing subpoenas and compelling witness attendance.
- Only when the Commission awards and issues a casino gaming license may a person construct, establish, own, or operate a resort facility in the state.

- The Commission may suspend or revoke any license or fine the holder a maximum of \$250,000 if it has reason to suspect noncompliance; however, the Commission must hold a hearing upon 15 days notice before such action.
- The Commission has the power to review a licensee's ownership structure, to require any new partner of an existing licensee to apply with the Commission, to require a proposal if an applicant desires to takeover an existing licensee, and to revoke a license in any acquisition of an existing licensee without prior approval. The Commission can also apply for an injunction if it suspects a violation.
- The Commission can regulate the periodic inspection of casino gaming operations at licensed resort facilities in the state; it can also regulate the assessment of minor civil penalties of violators. The Commission must adopt a rule that restricts participation in casino gaming for those over 21 years old.
- The Commission can talk to host areas for the purpose of discerning support or opposition in hosting a prospective casino resort applicant. If a prospective applicant promises certain benefits to the host community in the event the application is approved, the Commission can draw a negative inference against those applicants, as locals are not allowed to enter agreements that obligate the state.
- The Commission is authorized to enact a wide range of rules and regulations related to casino gaming in the state, including disputes between patrons and casinos, credit instruments, and inter-casino linked games, among other areas.

Page 15 Casinos

- The bill creates five licensing regions throughout the state within which a maximum of six casinos may operate. Even in the absence of a license in any given region, the allotted licenses for each Region may not be increased.
- The Commission can permit certain officers, directors, members, partners, and stockholders of licensees, as well as other persons likely to have significant influence over the casino gaming operations of such licensees. Casino staff may also be permitted, as may vendors.

Pages 13-35 Licensing

Any person wanting to construct, establish, own, or operate a resort facility in the state must file an application with the Commission, which must include a variety of information as required by statute and rules of the Commission. Notably, the Commission can require information it deems appropriate regarding the character, background, and responsibility of the applicant and related parties.

Each application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable application review and processing fee capped at \$500,000, although the Commission will set the fee according to its expected expenses associated with reviewing and processing the application. A financial deposit equal in amount to the licensing fee for the Region must also accompany any license application; upon approval, the deposit will be credited toward the casino gaming licensing fee. Should a license application be denied, the deposit must be refunded; if a denied applicant chooses to appeal the licensing decision, it forfeits the deposit to the Commission.

The Commission must deny license applications in counties and municipalities in which gaming has not been approved by public referendum; it must also deny those applications if issuing a license to the applicant would not be in the best interest of the state or it would reflect poorly on the honesty and integrity of the gaming industry.

In approving an application, the Commission must apply set criteria, including:

- The applicant's adequate capitalization;
- If a stock corporation, the applicant has fully paid and non-assessable stock;
- The applicant submits the Georgia jurisdiction;
- The applicant's plans and specifications meet minimum total investment levels, and the applicant has a demonstrated history of meeting such total investment levels;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of excellence in resort design and architecture, and the plans submitted are complimentary to existing area architecture;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of excellence in developing resort facilities with high-quality, non gaming amenities;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of excellence in the development, management, and operation of high quality resort facilities for casino gaming;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history in valuing the principles of environmental stewardship at LEED Gold level standard or higher;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of job creation, employment partnerships, and initial and ongoing training programs in the development and operation of resort facilities;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of matching existing infrastructure capabilities of the areas surrounding such facilities;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of promoting tourism in the state and increasing engagement of out-of-state residents;
- The applicant has a demonstrated ability of generating substantial casino gaming revenue in differing economic environs;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of brand recognition and tourism-generating partnerships;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of generating substantial tax proceeds;
- The applicant has a demonstrated history of running facilities that have a positive impact on economic development and business growth around such facilities; and

- The applicant has a demonstrated history of local support, community partnerships, and socially responsible behavior at the communities where it has developed, managed, and operated resort facilities for gaming.

The Commission must also consider the support of the area's elected officials.

Upon approval of a license, the licensee must pay a casino gaming licensing fee, varying based upon the licensing region. The license fee will be credited against the licensee's application deposit. If an application is denied, the decision is appealable to the Superior Court of Fulton County within seven days.

Page 23 An initial license term is 15 years, subject to five-year reviews within the term. Licensees can file a notice of intent to renew the license one year before its expiration; if the licensee is considered in good standing at the time of the renewal application, the Commission must automatically renew its license. If the licensee is not in good standing at the renewal time, the Commission can offer an opportunity to remedy any issues.

Page 35-38 Casino Gaming Education Account/Revenue Distribution

The **Casino Gaming Education Account**, a separate account created in the state treasury, will be the sole repository of revenue and proceeds derived from the following sources:

- Casino gaming licensing fees;
- Forfeited financial deposits of unsuccessful casino gaming license applicants;
- Civil penalties levied against licensees and other parties regulated by the Commission;
- Proceeds generated by the taxation of gross gaming revenue of licensed resort facilities; and
- All other permitting or regulatory fees collected by the Commission in accordance with any rules or procedures it promulgates.

Funds held in the CGEA may only be dispensed to the following purposes, and the Governor's budget proposal and General Assembly appropriations must follow the provided funding guidelines:

- Funding of educational programs and purposes;
 - Minimum 90% of Casino Gaming Proceeds, dispensed to **HOPE**, other college financial assistance, Pre-k, and educational shortfall reserves. **HOPE** must be fully funded before allotting funds to the other purposes.
- Payment of operating expenses associated with the regulation of casino gaming by the Commission;
 - Maximum 5% of Casino Gaming Proceeds.
- Funding of state resources for the treatment of problem gaming issues; and
 - Maximum 2% of Casino Gaming Proceeds.

- Financial support of counties and municipalities hosting licensed resort facilities for casino gaming.
 - Maximum 4% of Casino Gaming Proceeds.

New Funds /Accounts

- ❖ The **Georgia Problem Gaming Fund** is funded by the 2% allotted from the CGEA to award grants to state entities or organizations to provide programs for prevention and treatment of problem gaming. The Commission can use a maximum 10% of the Funds' money to administer the Fund itself.

The Advisory Committee on Problem Gaming is tasked with reviewing grants for prevention and treatment of problem gaming, recommending grant awards to the Commission, setting criteria for grants, monitoring grant awards, and determining local community needs. The seven members, all appointed by the Governor, will be comprised of two current casino gaming licensees, two individuals who work in the area of mental health, one individual representing the Georgia Department of Education, and two individuals representing organizations that provide assistance to individuals who are problem gamblers.

- ❖ The **Georgia Licensed Resort Facility Host Community Fund** is funded by the 4% allotment from the CGEA to provide local impact grants to hosts of licensed resort facilities. The Commission can disburse such grants for:
 - Infrastructure and transportation improvement projects within a five-mile radius of the host area;
 - Funding school construction projects and educational programs in the host area;
 - Funding economic and community development projects in the host area;
 - Funding public safety projects and police, fire, and emergency service activities within a five-mile radius of the host area;
 - Funding sanitation projects within the host area; and
 - Funding all other projects that the General Assembly otherwise designates.

Pages 43-50 Criminal Activity

A number of activities relating to casino gaming are criminalized, including defrauding a game or altering the outcome, operating without a license, manipulating a gaming device, and counterfeiting, among others.

Georgia Lottery for Education Act – CURRENT LAW

Section 2-1, Pages 51- 113, lines 1765 – 3964

Creates Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission

- Not only does this section include lottery gaming but also **ADDS “casino gaming.”**
- This section of the bill strikes the word “Corporation” and **is replaced with “Commission “or “Casino Gaming Commission.”**
- It specifically, in detail, defines the terms, provisions, applications, licenses, financial statements, procedures as stated in 50-27-1, the Georgia Lottery for Education Act.
- **Page 51., line 1769, ADDS “ and Chapter 39 of this title”**
- **Pg. 51, line 1777, ADDS, “and casino games regulated.”**
- **Pg. 51, line 1779, ADDS, “and casino gambling at licensed resort facilities are**
- **Pg. 52, line 1789, ADDS (1.1) “Advisory board’ means the Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machines Operator Advisory Board established pursuant to Code Section 50-27-89.”**
- **Pg. 52, line1812, ADDS, (6.1) “Casino advisory board” means the Casino Gaming Advisory Board created pursuant to Code Section 50-27-6.1**
- **Pg. 52, line 1815-1816, ADDS shall have the same meaning as in paragraph (8) OF CODE Section 50-39-2**
- **Pg. 52, line 1816, ADDs, shall not include**
- **Pg. 53, line1840-1841, ADDS (11.1) “Gross gaming revenue or ‘gross gaming revenues’ shall have the same meaning as in paragraph (20) of Code Section 50-39-2**
- **Pg. 55, line 1905-1907, ADDS an architect or other individual with expertise in urban planning an individual with expertise in finance or economics, an individual with knowledge of the casino gaming industry**
- **Pg.56, lines 1956-1965, ADDS (a) The chairperson of the board shall appoint a Casino Gaming Advisory Board to be composed of ten persons representing the broadest possible spectrum of geographical, racial, and business characteristics of casino gaming licensees, casino gaming vendors, and other pertinent interest groups associated with casino gaming in this state. The function of the casino advisory board shall be to advise the board of directors on various aspects of the casino gaming industry and to present the concerns of casino gaming licensees, vendors, and other interested parties throughout the state. (b) Members appointed to the casino advisory board shall serve terms of two years; provided, however, that five of the initial appointees shall serve initial terms of one year.**

- Pg. 57, lines 1968-1969, **ADDs and policy guidance regarding the regulation of casino gaming in the state.**
- Pg. 57, Lines 1976, **ADDs Sections; and 50-27-10.1**
- Pg. 57, Line 1988, **ADDs and of Chapter 39 of this title**
- Pg. 57, Line 1989, **ADDs Georgia**
- Pg. 57, Line 1990, **ADDs or state instrumentalities engaged in regulatory pursuits,**
- Pg. 58, Lines 2004-2006, **ADDs and the regulation of casino gaming; and Chapter 39 of this title**
- Pg. 58, line 2016, **Changes on-line to online**
- Pg. 58, Lines 2025-2026, **ADDs commission or any subsequent thereof, or in any situation where, in the judgment of the commission, it is necessary to do so for the effectual discharge of its duties;**
- Pg. 58, line 2035, **ADDs and Chapter of this title**
- Pg. 59, lines 2047-2048, **ADDs the efficient and effective administration of casino gaming.**
- Pg. 59, lines 2052-2053, **ADDs and in Chapter 39 of this title**
- Pg. 59, line 2059, **Changes on-line to online**
- Pg. 60, lines 2089-2093, **ADDs 50-27-10.1, To the extent not already specified in this chapter and Chapter 39 of this title, the board shall possess all requisite power and authority to promulgate and adopt any and all rules and regulations necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective administration and regulation of casino gaming in this state.**
- Pg. 60, line 2097, **ADDs and Chapter 39 of this title**
- Pg. 60, line 2100, **ADDs and supervise and administer the regulation of casino gaming in this state;**
- Pg. 60, line 2106, **ADDs lottery**
- Pg. 61, Lines 2114-2115, **ADDs or Chapter 39 of this title**
- Pg. 61, Lines 2117-2119, **ADDs and casino gaming; in this state; and licensees.**
- Pg. 62, line 2151, **ADDs casino gaming revenue,**
- Pg. 63, line 2194, **ADDs educational purposes and**
- Pg. 63, line 2202, **ADDs programs**
- Pg. 64, line 2217, **ADDs General Appropriations**
- Pg. 64, lines 2225-2231, **ADDs 50-27-13.1 The funding of the commission operating expenses related to casino gaming regulation shall be provided for in the manner set forth in Chapter 39 of this title from funds appropriated from the annual proceeds maintained in the Casino Gaming Education Account. The establishment of this funding framework for casino gaming operations shall in no way alter or impact the**

manner in which the commission funds its lottery-related operating expenses under Code Section 50-27-13 and other provisions of this chapter.

- Pg. 65, line 2283, **ADDS No**
- Pg. 66, line 2300-2301, **ADDS with the commission**
- Pg. 69, lines 2397-2398, **Changes on-line to online**
- Pg. 71, lines 2468-2479, **ADDS or her**
- Pg. 71, line 2469, **ADDS or other commission**
- Pg. 74, line 2574, **ADDS or she**
- Pg. 78, Lines 2739-2751, **ADDS 50-27-25.1, Except as authorized in this chapter, the commission is subject to the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of this title and Chapter 14 of this title. The commission is specifically authorized to determine which information relating to the regulation of casino gaming is confidential. Such information shall include trade secrets; security measures, systems, or procedures; security reports; information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the commission to contract for goods or services on favorable terms; employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities; and information obtained pursuant to investigations which is otherwise confidential. Information deemed confidential pursuant to the Code section shall be exempt from the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of this title. Meetings or portions of meetings devoted to discussing information deemed confidential pursuant to the Code section shall be exempt from Chapter 14 of this title.**
- Pg. 81, line 2823, **ADDS organizational**
- Pg. 81, line 2824-2825, **ADDS as well as regulation of casino gaming in this state.**
- Pg. 81, line 2842, **ADDS and the regulation of casino gaming,**
- Pg. 81, line 2845, **ADDS commission and its operation,**
- Pg. 81, lines 2849 – 2851, **ADDS and prize disbursements, gross gaming revenues generated by licensed resort facilities within the state, ; and total commission**
- Pg. 81, line 2854, **ADDS and provide the public with a**
- Pg. 82, lines 2855 -2857, **ADDS comprehensive financial report of casino gaming operations conducted at licensed resort facilities within the state during the previous calendar year, including revenues generated, and operation expenses incurred;**
- Pg. 89, Line 3108, **ADDS or her or its**
- Pg. 101, Line 3536, **ADDS Georgia.**
- Pg. 113, Line 3949, **ADDS this title**

Section 3-1, page 113 – 114, lines 3967 -3982 Gambling Contracts/Debts

- Pg. 113, Line 3970, **ADDS (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section.; gambling**
- Pg. 113, Line 3974, **ADDS (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, money**
- Pg. 113, Line 3978, **Adds or herself**
- Pg. 113, Lines 3979-3980, **ADDS (c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section shall not be applicable to contracts or debt arising out of legal casino gaming activities conducted in accordance with the requirements**
- Pg. 114, Lines 3981-3982, **ADDS of chapter 39 of title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

**PART IV, Section 4-1, page 114, lines 3985 – 3999 CRIMES AND OFFENSES –
CURRENT LAW**

- Pg. 114, Line 3988, **ADDS (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, a**
- Pg. 114, Line 3989, **ADDS or she**
- Pg. 114, Lines 3997–3999, **ADDS (c) This Code section shall not be applicable to legal casino gaming activities conducted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Section 4-2, page 114 & 115, lines 4001 – 4030 Relating to commercial gambling

- Pg. 114, Lines 4004-4005, **ADDS (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section.; a; or she**
- Pg. 114, Line 4010, **ADDs or herself**
- Pg. 115, Lines 4028-4030, **ADDS (c) This Code section shall not be applicable to legal casino gaming activities conducted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Section 4-3, page- 115, lines 4032-4044, Relating to keeping a gambling place

- Pg. 115, Line 4035, **ADDS (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section. a;**
- Pg. 115, Line 4037, **ADDS or her; or her**
- Pg. 115, Lines 4042-4044, **ADDS (c) This Code section shall not be applicable to legal casino gaming activities conducted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Section 4-4, pages 115-116, lines 4046-4079 Relating to possession, manufacture, or transfer of gambling devices or parts and possession of antique slot machines

- Pg. 116, Lines 4050-4052, **ADDS (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, a; or she; or she**
- Pg. 116, line 4063, **ADDS that**
- Pg. 116, Lines 4076-4079, **ADDS (c) This Code section shall not be applicable to activities conducted in connection with legal casino gaming undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Section 4-5, pages 116-117, lines 4081-4114 Relating to solicitation of another to gamble with intent to defraud or deceive

- Pg. 117, Line 4084, **ADDS (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section,; any**
- Pg. 117, Lines 4111-4114, **ADDS (c) This Code section shall not be applicable to activities conducted, without the intent to defraud or deceive, in connection with legal casino gaming undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Section 4-6, pages 117-118, lines 4116-4129 Relating to advertising commercial gambling

- Pg. 118, Line 4119, **ADDS (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, a**
- Pg. 118, Lines 4126-4129, **ADDS (c) This Code section shall not be applicable to any advertising undertaken in connection with legal casino gaming activities conducted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Section 4-7, pages 118, lines 4131-4145 Relating to communicating gambling

- Pg. 118, line 4134, **ADDS (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, a**
- Pg. 118, lines 4142-4145, **ADDS (c) This code section shall not be applicable to any communications undertaken in connection with legal casino gaming activities conducted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Sections 4-8, pages 118-119 Relating to seizure and destruction of gambling devices

- Pg. 118, lines 4150-4151, **ADDS and subsection (c) of this Code section,**
- Pg. 119, Lines 4162-4166, **ADDS (c) This Code section shall not be applicable to any gambling devices, gaming equipment, slot machines, table games, or any other similar items or property used in conjunction with legal casino gaming activities conducted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Sections 4-9, pages 119-121 Relating to seizure and disposition of property used in or derived from violation of article

- Pg. 119, Line 4176, **ADDS (b) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this Code section, all**
- Pg. 119, line 4186, **ADDS or she**
- Pg. 120, line 4194, **ADDS or herself**
- Pg. 120, lines 4223-4224, **ADDS (i) This Code section shall not be applicable to any property used in, derived from, or realized through legal casino gaming activities conducted in accordance with the**
- Pg. 121, lines 4225-4226, **ADDS requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Sections 4-10 Relating to lawful promotional and giveaway contests

- Pg. 121, line 4234, **ADDS subsections and (c)**
- Pg. 121, Lines 4239-4243, **ADDS (c) All promotions or promotional contests involving an element of chance in the distribution of prizes, gifts, awards, or other items, which are conducted in association with legal casino gaming activities undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50, shall not qualify as a**

'lottery' and shall not be included within the definition of a 'lottery' for the purposes of this article."

Sections 4-11 Relating to legislative's intent relative to bingo

- **Pg. 121, Lines 4248-4250, ADDS and bingo conducted as a legal casino gaming activity in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50**

Sections 4-12 Relating to license require to operate bingo games and recreational bingo exception

- **Pg. 121, Lines 4256-4257, ADDS subsections (b) and (c)**
- **Pg. 122, Lines 4270-4273, Adds (c) All bingo games operated in connection with legal casino gaming activities undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder shall be exempt from the requirements of this Code section."**

Sections 4-13 Relating to licensing procedure, fee, and renewal

- **Pg. 123, Lines 4324-4328, ADDS (f) The licensing procedures, fees, and renewal obligations set forth in this Code section shall not be applicable to any bingo games operated in connection with legal casino gaming activities undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Sections 4-14 Relating to revocation of licenses and access to premises by law enforcement agencies

- **Pg. 124, lines 4340-4341, ADDS or her**
- **Pg. 124, Lines 4344-4347, ADDS (c) The procedures and powers set forth in this Code section shall not be applicable to any bingo games operated in connection with legal casino gaming activities undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Sections 4-15 Relating to restrictions as to ownership of premises utilized

- **Pg. 124, Lines 4352-4355, ADDS except those operated in connection with legal casino gaming activities undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder."**

Sections 4-16 Relating to annual report to be filed with the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation

- Pg. 125, Lines 4369-4373, **ADDS** Such reporting requirements shall not apply to operators of bingo games at licensed resort facilities in this state where legal casino gaming activities are undertaken in accordance with requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder.”

Sections 4-17 Relating to rules and regulations

- Pg. 126, Lines 4427-4430, **ADDS (j)** The provisions of this Code section shall not be applicable to any bingo game operations conducted as part of legal casino gaming activities undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39 of Title 50 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Lottery and Casino Gaming Commission promulgated thereunder.”

